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On: 2006 TEXAS CATTLE INVENTORY
UP 3 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 14.1 million head on January 1, 2006, up 3 percent from last year's revised inventory of 13.7 million head, and up 1 percent from the 2004 inventory of 13.9 million head.

"Higher cattle prices continued throughout 2005 and producers began to rebuild their herds by retaining more replacement stock. However, as pasture conditions deteriorated in the late fall, more cattle made their way to feedlots," said Robin Roark, State Director.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 15 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.48 million head, was up 1 percent from last year's total. Milk cow inventory, at 325,000 head, was up 7,000 head from the 2005 total of 318,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.80 million head, up 1 percent from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 870,000 head on January 1, up 9 percent from the 2005 revised total of 800,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 130,000 head, unchanged from last year's total.

Texas' inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.85 million head, up 5 percent from the 2005 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds was 2.43 million head, up slightly from last year.

The 2005 calf crop totaled 5.15 million head, up 3 percent from the 2004 calf crop of 5.0 million.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 97.1 million head on January 1, 2 percent above last year's inventory of 95.4 million head.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.3 million head, up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005.

Beef cows totaled 33.3 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were also up 1 percent from a year ago at 9.06 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.90 million head, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were also up 4 percent to 4.28 million head.

The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004.

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TEXAS: CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY, CALF CROP AND OPERATIONS

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2006 as percent of 2005
	2005	2006	
INVENTORY:	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All cattle and calves	*13,700	14,100	103
Cows and heifers that have calved	5,750	5,800	101
Beef cows	5,432	5,475	101
Milk cows	318	325	102
Heifers 500 pounds and over	*2,440	2,650	109
For beef cow replacement	*800	870	109
For milk cow replacement	130	130	100
Other heifers	1,510	1,650	109
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,720	2,850	105
Bulls 500 pounds and over	370	370	100
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds	*2,420	2,430	100
Calf crop ^{1/}	5,000	5,150	103

^{1/} Previous year. * Revised.